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— OF THE —

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Greene County Baptist
Association

— HELD AT —

WYLLA BAPTIST CHURCH

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— Next Meeting Will Be Held At —

SWEET WATER BAPTIST CHURCH

LEAKESVILLE, R-A. MISS.

OCTOBER 17. 18. 19.

1924

ORDAINED MINISTERS

D. P. Lankford	State Line, Miss.
O. U. Sullivan	Neeley, Miss.
L. K. Turner	Richton, Miss.
M. W. Ball	Leakesville, Miss., Route A

EXECUTIVE BOARD

CHURCH	MEMBER	ADDRESS
Avera	Rumsey Pendley	Avera, Miss.
Antioch	Eugene Williams	Leakesville, Miss., R-A
Bethany	A. A. Huggins	Fruitdale, Ala.
Cedar Grove	C. L. Kittrell	Leakesville, Miss. R-A
County Line	David Kittrell	State Line, Miss.
Fellowship	Roy Kittrell	State Line, Miss.
Johason Creek	Harman Brewer	State Line, Miss.
Leaf	J. C. Daughdrill	Leaf, Miss.
Leakesville	J. E. Miller	Leakesville, Miss.
McLain	M. L. Taylor	McLain, Miss.
Mt. Vernon	J. R. Black	Piave, Miss.
Macedonia	Taylor Williams	Fruitdale, Ala.
Pleasant Hill	J. M. Turner	Richton, Miss., R-4
Sand Hill	H. W. Byrd	Richton, Miss., R-1
Sweet Water	W. J. Turner	Leakesville, Miss.
Salem (East)	J. W. Mills	State Line, Miss., R-A
Salem	J. C. Henderson	Richton, Miss., R-5
Unity	E. M. Ball	Leakesville, Miss., R-A
Washington	W. N. Breland	Neely, Miss.
Indian Hill	Connie Davis	Richton, Miss., R-5
Royce	A. S. Cochran	Royce, Miss.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Appoint Reading Clerks.
3. Committee on Finance.
4. Reading Letters from Churches.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Appoint Committee on Devotional Exercises.
7. Reading Rules of Decorum.
8. Call for Petitionary Letters.
9. Call for Correspondence.
10. Call for Report on Publications.
11. Call for Report on Ministerial Relief.
12. Call for Report on Baptist Orphanage.
13. Call for Report on Education.
14. Call for Report on Music.
15. Call for Report on W. M. U. Work.
16. Call for Report on B. B. Y. P. U. Work.
17. Call for Report on 75 Million Campaign.
18. Call for Report on Missions.
19. Call for Report on Temperance.
20. Call for Report on Memorials.
21. Call for Report on Sunday Schools.
22. Call for Report on Resolutions.
23. Call for Report on Queries, Requests and Nominations.

PROCEEDINGS

First Day—Mornig Session

Avera, Miss., Oct. 19, 1923.

The Greene County Baptist Association met this day in its third annual Session, with Brother Luther Turner, Moderator and J. C. Henderson, Secretary and Treasurer. It was called to order at 11 o'clock, and after song services, Brother A. R. Loftin conducted Devotional Exercises from the first Chapter of John. The principal nor the alternate from the introductory sermon was absent, Brother A. L. O'Bryant, preached the Introductory Sermon, after which the Association adjourned until 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after being led in prayer by Brother J. L. Jackson, the Moderator proceeded to organize the Association for business.

On a motion and order of the Association the reading of the church letters was disposed of, the committee was appointed by the Moderator to summarize all letters, then make a report.

Brethern J. E. Miller, Luther Taylor and Edward Davis was appointed as a Finance Committee, and also the Finance Committee should serve as the committee on summarizing church letters.

Avera—Chester Ezell, Mrs. M. E. Sompson and Mrs. A. B. Miles.

Antioch—Represented by letter only.

Bethany—W. J. Williams, Luther Williams and Therman Dodds.

Cedar Grove—A. J. Smith, D. C. Coaker and C. L. Kittrell.

County Line—J. W. Norsworthy, David Kittrell, and Davie Stevenson.

Fellowship—Not represented.

Johnson Creek—Represented by letter.

Leaf—A. Fairley, J. C. Daughdrill, and B. C. Daughdrill.

Leakesville—E. L. Turner, J. E. Miller, and Mrs. T. G. Briscoe.

McLain—D. D. Daughdrill, M. L. Taylor, and Mrs. M. L. Taylor.

Mt. Vernon—I. A. Smith, J. R. Black, and S. S. Henderson.

Macedonia—Taylor Williams, J. C. Williams, and Jettie Williams.

Pleasant Hill—Homer Byrd, Mrs. Effie Turner and J. M. Turner.

Sand Hill—H. W. Byrd, E. N. Beard, and Charlet Wade, Jr.

Sweet Water—O. S. Turner, W. J. Turner, and E. N. Peterson.

Salem (West)—J. C. Henderson, N. Brewer, and W. D. Henderson.

Salem (East)—James Byrd, J. W. Mills, and Arthur Bread.

Unity—E. M. Ball.

Washington—H. N. Breland, W. M. Whittington, and Williams Moody.

Indian Hill—Connie Davis, Miss Lila Davis, and Miss Rosa May Smith.

Royce—A. S. Cochran, and D. E. Ward.

The officers of the Association were elected as follows:
Joe Walley, Moderator, E. M. Ball, Assistant Moderator and E. L. Turner, Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion of the Association the word "Resident" in section three of the Constitution be stricken out.

By motion and order of the Association the following churches were received into the Association and their delegates seated, Royce Baptist Church and Indian Hill Baptist Church.

Correspondant messengers was called for and seated as following:

Brother J. L. Jackson, from Washington County, Alabama, Association.

A. L. Loftin, from Perry County, Mississippi Association.

J. L. Low, from Perry County, Mississippi Association.

A. L. O'Bryant, Elistment Manager 5th District.

Mrs. J. W. Champlian, W. M. U., President 5th District.

By appointment by the Moderator, Brothers J. R. Black, H. W. Byrd, Mrs. R. Pendley and J. L. Low.

Report of the Program Committee that Brother A. L. O'Bryant would preach at 7:30 o'clock Friday night.

The Association adjourned to meet at nine o'clock Saturday morning.

Second Day—Morning Session

The Association met at 9 o'clock with all officers present, and was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional Exercises conducted by Brother J. L. Low, from John 2: 1-11.

The Moderator appointed the Executive Board of the year of 1924 which will be found on Page 2 of this minute.

The following reports were read, discussed and adopted:

Report of Publications, Ministerial Relief, Baptist Orphanage, Education, Music, and the 75 Million Campaign. Reports will be found on later pages.

The Association adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

Second Day—Afternoon Session

The Association reassembled pursuant to adjournment at 1:30, was led in prayer by Brother J. L. Low, several songs, and the body was called to order by Moderator Joe Walley.

The report on B. Y. P. U. work was read and discussed by E. L. Turner and others and adopted. (See report elsewhere).

The report on Temperance, Memorials, Sunday Schools, Resolutions were read, discussed and adopted. (Reports on later pages).

The report on W. M. U. work was read and adopted.

And at this time the Association unanimously voted to give Mrs. J. W. Chaplian the State W. M. U. president from the Fifth District, all time she desired to discuss all phases of the W. M. U. work in the Fifth District. Her talk was very interesting and uplifting.

At the close of the discourse from Mrs. Champlian, the Moderator appointed a committee on organization of a Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention, and also a W. M. U. Convention was organized with the following officers elected:

Mrs. Rumsey Pendley, Superintendent	Avera Miss.
Mrs. M. E. Simpson, Secretary	Avera, Miss
Mrs. J. W. Bascstrom, Mission Study Leader	Leakesville, Miss.
Mrs. Eliza Evans, Personal Service Leader	Leakesville, Miss.
Mrs. J. W. Mills, Stewardship Leader	Leakesville, Miss.
Mrs. Arthur Turner, Young People Leader	Leakesville, Miss.
Mrs. A. B. Mills, Chairman Publication	Avera, Miss.

The Association elected Brother J. E. Miller to represent the Greene County Association to the State Convention, and E. L. Turner was elected as member of the State Executive Board.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 10:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

Third Day—Morning Session

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met at 10:00 o'clock and after a song service, Brother A. R. Loftin conducted the Devotional Exercises.

The report on Missions was called for and on motion the report was not read but was adopted and all the time was given to Dr. D. M. Nelson of Jackson, Mississippi from the State Educational Board.

The Association adjourned to met at 2:00 o'clock.

Third Day—Afternoon Session

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 2:00 o'clock and Brother O. U. Sullivan preached from the First Chapter of the Gospel of St. John.

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for Brother J. L. Jackson, to the amount of \$33.90.

The report on nomination was called for, read and adopted.

The Association moved that the final adjournment to meet with the Sweet Water Baptist Church, Leakesville, Miss., R-A, four miles west of Leakesville, at the A. H. S., on Friday before the third Sunday in October 1924.

REPORT OF PERIODICALS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Baptist Record, the official organ of Mississippi Baptists, reaches 10,000 homes while we are informed that there are 200,000 persons, hence it can readily be seen that approximately 30,000 homes in Mississippi have never seen the Baptist Record which has grown to be one of the best periodicals in the South. This means that 75 per cent of the Mississippi Baptists do not keep in touch with our denominational program. Unless we know what our denomination is doing and striving to do, and how we may know these things unless we read the Baptist periodicals and Baptist literature.

We would recommend and urge that the pastor and finance committees of the various churches in this Association emphasize the necessity and importance of the Baptist Record going into every Baptist home, as it is a matter of record that the more Baptist literature we read the more interested we become in Kingdom work and the more liberal we will support the objects fostered by our denomination. The "Home and Foreign Field" published by the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., as its name implies, if read, will keep us posted as to what progress is being made by our missionaries in the different fields. The tract department of the State Board at Jackson, Mississippi will, upon request, furnish tracts on tithing, stewardship, and denominational plans. If Baptist periodicals and literature were more liberally patronized and read, a great many of our people would become tithes and if one tenth of Mississippi Baptists would tithe the problems of financing our work would be settled.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Ezell

Mrs. A. B. Mills

Mrs. R. Pendley.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We your committee on Ministerial Relief beg leave to submit the following:

We believe that those old ministers who have spent their time in the service of our Lord and Master's work are worthy of our sympathy and support. We should endeavor to aid them in any way we can. It is our duty to help to care for them in their declining days and use every effort we can to help support them. Brethren we must pray for them that their last days here, on this low ground of sorrow, may be the best and happiest days of their lives, as they have done the service of the Lord.

Your committee would urge the people everywhere to pay their pledges to the campaign, so that the aid now being given to these old heroes of the cross may be materially increased.

W. J. Williams, Jr.
Thurman Dodds
Luther Williams.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

In consideration of the fact that, children of today are the men and women of tomorrow, therefore no greater work can be done than to save and train children for citizenship and Kingdom building.

We need to give more hearty support to all phases of child-welfare work and especially to our own orphanage at Jackson (now under the wise management of Brother J. R. Carter) who by the co-operation of his helpers have done much along these lines that commends the Institution and its work to the Baptists of Mississippi.

More than a thousand boys and girls have been trained and sent out from our orphanage to take their places as citizens and we are told that less than one per cent of this number has become a menace to society.

We have an average of 170 children the year round in the orphanage, and with splendid sanitary conditions the health of the children is good. Owing to the prosperity and success that have followed the institution all these years we would urge all our people to loyally stand by the orphanage by paying our pledges to the 75 Million Campaign, and thus meet all the needs in a great way.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. Loftin, Chairman
I. A. Smith.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

The most powerful agencies of our denomination are our schools and colleges. Extensive and permanent conquests can not be made for our Master without a trained leadership. A trained Baptist leadership is impossible without unadulterated Baptist colleges. Almost a century ago some Mississippi Baptists realized this fact and laid the foundation for the splendid system of schools which we so proudly claim today.

OUR SCHOOLS

THE CLARKE COLLEGE is a co-educational junior college; is ideally located, being at Newton, Mississippi, and during the summer several thousand of dollars has been spent to renovate the buildings and has provided some new furniture making the work very effective.

THE BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE that has carried a full four year course in High School work, but by an action of the Baptist convention in November 1922, prepares to meet the conditions for being placed on the recommended list of the Southern Association of Colleges and secondary schools.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE; Mississippi Woman's College closed last May, the eleventh year of the institution. The attendance was good as it could be because our dormitories were filled the entire year. The enrollment, counting some local pupils, whose names we did not put in the catalogue was a little over 500. Our Bible and Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work was as fine as we have ever done. From the number of diplomas and seals given in the Bible and Sunday School work it is probable that we will be among the first three of the Southern Baptist Convention school in number. The Woman's College captured the banner at the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. State Convention at Columbus this year for the best college B. Y. P. U. Practically every girl in school belongs to the Y. W. A. and we had the largest number of mission study classes conducted by students that we have ever had. The college goes on the list with all affiliated colleges of the south.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE; the session of 1922-23 of Mississippi College stands out as one of the most eventful in her history. The enrollment of 410 college students is the largest we ever had. On account of the increase of the endowment, the Colleges, and Secondary Schools, thus giving us the standing so much desired among the colleges and universities of the country. The spirit of faculty and student body was never finer, they are loyal and have a high degree of zeal for every arm of the college.

HILLMAN COLLEGE is located at Clinton, Mississippi, and is now controlled by the Baptist denomination. It is a junior college for girls with one of the strongest faculties which can be found.

Baptist position in the Christian Army twenty years from now will largely depend upon the care which they take of their schools today. May the Lord quite speedily open the eyes to the opportunity and quicken their hearts and minds to action.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. O'Bryant

David Kittrell.

REPORT ON MUSIC

We your committee on music herewith make our report as follows: Music, such a sweet sound, the beginning and ending of every religious service. Such a tragedy when it is omitted from any service.

There should be a distinction in different classes of music; we should have church music and all our music should have the purity of the gospel in it. Gospel music used in the right spirit and sung in the spirit harmonizes the congregation and gives the right-away for the preached gospel.

Music is one of the factors used in attracting people to attend church services, therefore we should always have good music.

We your committee on music have recommended that the Association adopt our Baptist song book "The Kingdom Songs," and we also recommend that the Association cooperate with the churches in planning for ten day school of music in every church sometime during the year.

Your committee,

E. M. Ball

H. W. Byrd

Chas. Wade, Jr.

Miss Etta Williams.

REPORT ON W. M. U. WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union has five definite aims which they propose to carry out in the accomplishment of their work. Namely: Supplication, Stewardship, Study, Service, and Soul-winning. A standard of excellence containing ten points is placed before each local society to help the same to fulfil these definite aims. The work is steadily progressing and we have much to encourage us.

The number of local organizations are now 1,404 of which 771 are Woman's Missionary Societies and the other Young People's. Of this number of W. M. U., 88 are new organizations; and of the Young People's 161 are new organizations. This growth is not what it should be, but it has given us healthy organizations. We attribute this in large measure to mission study. Our women and young people are devoting more time and attention to the study of missions than ever before. This past year Mississippi reported 35 per cent of all the classes doing mission work within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The heart of Mississippi W. M. U. is deeply interested in the 75 Millions Campaign, hence the Union is going forward this year under the slogan "A Dollar each Quarter, from each Mother and Daughter." This over and above campaign pledges. In order to succeed in carrying out this slogan, the women are appealing to the brethren in every association to lend their help in this matter with a firm conviction that the work of Christian womanhood may best be accomplished through organization, the W. M. U. is going forth bearing upon their banner this watchword; "He that wrought us for this very thing is God." II Cor. 5. 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Rumsey Pendley, Chairman.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK

An efficient church member is: (1) one who zealously attends all services of his church; (2) prays both in private and public; (3) reads his Bible; (4) puts into the Lord's treasury at least one-tenth of what the Lord puts into his treasury; (5) hospitable and cordial, (6) is willing to teach a Sunday School class, lead a prayer meeting or serve on a committee if called on; (7) concerns himself about the lost and is interested in the training and development on the saved.

The efficient B. Y. P. U. discovers, develops and delivers to the church just such members; therefore the need of a B. Y. P. U. in every church.

OUR PROGRAM: Is therefore two-fold.

1. To organize as many B. Y. P. U.'s as possible.
2. To develop the Union to the point of efficiency, the first step being to teach to the Union the B. Y. P. U. manual.

OUR PLAN IS:

1. To organize in every county an annual B. Y. P. U. Convention. Organize in every church a B. Y. P. U. and see that the manual is taught.

2. To hold in each of the six missionary districts of the state an annual district B. Y. P. U. convention. These organizations will be a great asset to the B. Y. P. U.

OUR SUMMER WORK:

We have had during the summer months two extra B. Y. P. U. workers who have been teaching the two manuals and organizing B. Y. P. U. These two workers have done excellent work. The plan of operation has been to hold three day's institutes in churches, teaching B. Y. P. U. methods.

We find from the letters received from the churches of this associations that there are only three B. Y. P. U.'s.

The committee wants to urge and recommend that every church organize a senior, intermediate and junior B. Y. P. U.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. Turner, Chairman
Mrs. M. E. Simpson
Miss Ada Williams
Miss Lela Jones

REPORT ON 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN

That the 75 Million Campaign as instituted by Southern Baptists in their meeting at Atlanta four years ago was instigated by Jehovah is attested by the wonderful accomplishment wrought through it.

Southern Baptists set as their goal \$75,000,000 for the Master. Of this amount \$44,000,000 has been paid by May of this year. By December 1924. This is a large sum, but Southern Baptists are well able to pay what they have promised to God and His cause. That this is true is attested by the fact that the Lord's tithe, if paid, would place in the hand of the churches for the Master's use \$15,000,000 each year rather \$75,000,000 in five years.

\$28,776,937 more have been given by Southern Baptists to Missions, Christian Education, and Benevolences since the beginning of the campaign then they gave the four years preceeding it. They have gained 57 districts Associations, 881 active ministers, 3,068 new local churches, 3,287 Sunday Schools, with 459,223 pupils, 8,688 B. Y. P. U.'s, with 233,917 members, 7,094 W. M. U. organizations, baptized 762,880 persons, and spent \$45,405,118 more than during the preceeding four years. Yet some will say that the campaign has failed. In the face of such wonderful gains how can one think we have failed, even though we have not collected as many dollars up to this time as we like to have collected.

Not only the above testifies to God's favor toward the campaign, but the following are indicative of His smiling upon it. The

attendance in our Baptist Schools has increased 14 per cent and the contributions to these schools during the four years of the campaign amounts to about 45 per cent of all that had been given to them in all the years before. Two new orphanages have been built making the number supported by Southern Baptists 19. To these the campaign has given \$3,750.00. It is wonderful to care for the children who know not the love of father or mother and yet 2000 were turned away last year because we did not have room. We now have 21 hospitals rather than 12 previous to the campaign.

In them last year there were 47,000 patients treated, of whom 13,000 were not Christians. These had a chance to hear the story of the cross, many of them possibly for the first time. Nothing practically was being done for the aged ministers, while during the last four years as a result of the campaign 925 had been helped and \$414, 829.00 had been paid out to them.

Wonderful, indeed, have been the results arising from the campaign, results which should make the hearts of Baptists rejoice; but the test of Baptist strength before us and the next several months will speak much in tones that Baptists can not hush, either in commendation of their loyalty to God or in commendation of their disloyalty to Him who came to seek and to save the lost, and who said, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nation, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, Lo, I am with you alway, even unto end of the age.

J. L. Low
O. U. Sullivan
A. R. Loftin
Committee

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Jesus Christ is the rightful Ruler of the earth and he has commissioned His followers to Make Him the real Ruler in this world through the preaching of the gospel. Missions is the people of God giving the gospel to those who have it not, regardless of where they are or who they are. Missions is the preaching of the gospel to the lost that they may accept Christ as Savior and be saved; and the further preaching of the gospel to the saved that they may become usable in Kingdom work.

For the sake of convenience and system we have divided the work into State, Home and Foreign Missions.

State Missions to us means the united effort of Mississippi Baptists to win to Christ the lost and train for service the saved of our own state, in such a way as to strengthen our forces for world wide conquest.

Home Missions means the united effort of the Baptists of eighteen Southern States to evangelize and train for service the people of the South.

Foreign Missions means the united effort Southern Baptists are making to reach out to the uttermost parts of the earth trying to extend through the Gospel the reign of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Miller, Chairman

Mrs. M. L. Taylor

Mrs. M. E. Simpson.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We the delegates and churches of the Greene County Baptist Association raise our voices in a hearty protest against law violations and the shameful disorder so common in our country.

We call upon our women and men to encourage and assist our courts and officers in the enforcement of law against making, selling and drinking intoxicants. To joke about bootlegging and whiskey selling is to encourage it.

The recent murders and suicides growing out of violations of these laws show to what desperate things these criminals will resort. We condemn all deeds of violence committed in railroad strikes and everywhere, we believe it is the right of every American citizen to work wherever he desires and to receive protection.

We also deplore the tendency of our young people to break down Bible standards of morality which tend to weaken and destroy both modesty and virtue.

Dancing, mixed and indiscriminate bathing, automobile driving, especially late at night without a chaperone, for these things contain much harm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. M. L. Taylor

W. M. Whittington.

REPORT ON MEMORIALS

We the committee on Memorials report the following:

Whereas our Heavenly Father has seen fit to take from this world into the great beyond the following Brethren and Sisters to-wit:

Leaf Church	-----	Bro. L. P. Daughdrill
Bethany Church	-----	Bro. J. P. Preston
Cedar Grove Church	-----	Bro. E. W. L. Davis
County Line Church	-----	Sister Bessie Smith

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Kittrell

B. C. Daughdrill.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We your committee beg leave to report the following on Sunday School:

We are glad to state that the program in Sunday School work has been greater for the past year than ever before. More schools have been organized and many re-organized and graded, and some using graded literature. We want to thank God together with Brother Byrd and his helpers for the great work that has been done this year in rewarding diplomas and seals. But listen! we need not stop here, this is just a beginning; every church is responsible for her members that they all may be enlisted.

We want to mention especially the adult and senior departments. We should take special interest in building these two departments.

You know if we fail to enlist the men we lose the boys.

Fathers and Mothers being the fifth wheel of the Sunday School, they are absolutely responsible for the enlisting and teaching of their children. We urge the church to be more careful in selecting their officers and teachers and insist that they attend all Normals if possible and that their officers and teachers be regular attendants and competent to do their work and if so, they should be consecrated christian men and women; that their precepts and examples may be the greatest teachings of all.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Wade, Jr.

E. M. Ball

Miss Ette Williams

H. W. Byrd.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on resolutions beg leave to report as follows:

Whereas, we have been so royally entertained by the Baptist Church and community of Avera and whereas, we have had the co-operation of the entire representation and whereas, we have had the leadership of our enlistment workers, and whereas our constitution has become old and obsolete, terms and meanings changed.

Be it therefore resolved that we express our highest thanks and deepest appreciation for their royal and hospitable entertainment while in their midst. We shall ever remember it.

Be it further resolved that we extend our appreciation and gratitude for the kind and congenial co-operation that the messengers and visitors have given us.

Be it further resolved that we thank our enlistment workers for their fine leadership and information.

Be it further resolved that the Moderator be empowered to appoint a committee to revise and rewrite the constitution to be presented at the next regular session of this body.

Be it further resolved that we express our thanks and appreciation to our efficient and loyal Moderator for his executive and manly leadership during our session.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Turner, Chairman,
A. R. Loftin
W. M. Byrd.

REPORT ON QUERIES, REQUESTS AND NOMINATIONS

We your committee on Queries, Requests and Nominations, beg leave to report as follows:

Upon examination we find that three churches of the Association have asked for the next session, we your committee recommend that the next session meet with Sweet Water Baptist Church, located near the A. H. S. School, Leakesville, Miss., Route A, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in October 1924, at 10:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. Taylor
C. L. Kittrell.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR OF 1923

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand	\$ 24.25
Associational purposes	83.49
Total receipts	\$107.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid L. A. Wilson, Printing Minutes	\$ 60.00
Paid Secretary and Treasurer	15.00
Postage and Stationery	8.50
Total disbursements	\$ 83.50
Balance on hand	\$ 24.24
Associational purposes	83.50
Total	\$107.74

J. C. Henderson, Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Church	Associational Purposes	Foreign Mission	Home Mission
Sand Hill -----	\$ 6.00	\$10.00	\$1.49
Macedonia -----	2.00		
Bethany -----	5.00		
Unity -----	3.00		
Sweet Water -----	5.00		
Leakesville -----	12.00		
Mt. Vernon -----	7.00		
McLain -----	4.00		
Cedar Grove -----	5.00	4.00	4.00
Washington -----	3.50		
County Line -----	4.00		
Royce -----	1.60		
Salem -----	5.00	State Mission	\$20.00
Leaf -----	5.00		
Avera -----	5.00		
Indian Hill -----	4.20		
Pleasant Hill -----	5.50		
Fellowship -----	3.15		
Totals -----	\$85.95	\$14.00	\$5.49

All Purposes

\$85.95
 14.00
 5.49
 20.00

 \$125.44

CHURCHES

PASTORS AND
POSTOFFICES-CLERKS AND
POSTOFFICESREGULAR DAYS
OF MEETINGS

BAPTISMS

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

NUMBER

ENROLLED

TOTAL NUMBER

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CONTRIBUTIONS

HOME PURPOSES
CONTRIBUTIONS75 MILLION AND ALL
MISSIONS. EDUCATION
AND BENEVOLENCES

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

VALUE OF
CHURCH PROPERTY

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Church	Pastor	Clerk	Reg. Days	Baptisms	Total Membership	Enrolled	Total Number	Total Enrolled	Total Organizations	Total Contributions	Home Purposes	75 Million	Total Contributions	Value of Property
Avera	J. L. Low, Richton	A. B. Milles, Avera	2nd	11110	1123	130	1	14	\$1,339.24	\$205.50	\$1,344.74	\$1,300.00		
Antioch	J. S. Chatham, Meridian	A. N. Smith, Buckatuna, R. 2	1st	0119										400.00
County Line	A. P. Wells, Shubuta	A. S. Denmark, Vinegar Bend, Ala	3rd	3 47	1 31						140.00		140.00	500.00
Bethany	Eugene Stephens, Meridian	C. L. Kittrell, Leakesville	4th	7139	1 40						374.75	110.00	484.75	1,000.00
Cedar Grove														
Fellowship														
Johnson Creek														
Indian Hill														
Leaf	C. M. Grayson, Magee	J. C. Daughdrill, Leaf	1st	4 49	0						439.00		439.00	2,000.00
Leakesville	O. U. Sullivan, Neely	A. F. Cook, Leakesville	3d	1134	1114	132	3	\$528.80	1,400.67	835.60	2,236.17	5,000.00		
McLain	J. F. Starnes, Purvis	D. D. Daughdrill	4th	41	1 50						226.00		226.00	
Mt. Vernon	A. P. Wells, Shubuta	Mrs. J. Williams, Vinegar Bend, Ala	3rd	1 19							20.75		20.75	
Macedonia	A. R. Loftin, McLain	Gaines West, Avera	4th	14159	1122	125	1	15	525.00	160.00	685.00	1,600.00		
Pleasant Hill	J. F. Starnes, Purvis	R. L. Valley, Bothwell	1st	5168	1 60						478.00	17.49	495.49	2,000.00
Sand Hill	Eugene Stephens, Meridian	W. E. Turner, Leakesville	4th	9104	1111	120					485.00		485.00	1,500.00
Sweet Water	A. R. Loftin, McLain	A. S. Cochran, Royce												
Royce	O. U. Sullivan, Neely	J. W. Mills, Leakesville	3rd	3 60	1 31						275.10	5.00	325.10	1,000.00
Salem (East)	W. T. Smith, Overt	J. C. Henderson, Richton, R-5	2nd	0 34							146.50	10.00	156.50	500.00
Salem (West)	Eugene Stephens, Meridian	E. M. Ball, Leakesville	4th	0 79	1 86									695.00
Unity														
Washington	M. Grayson, Magee	H. N. Breland, Neely	2nd	2115	1 72						645.00	11.50	656.50	3,500.00

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Greene County Association of Missionary Baptists.

Article 2. The object of this association shall be to carry our our Lord's command, viz: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." And especially to promote the Sunday School cause, to encourage a deeper interest in our denominational schools and literature; to encourage temperance; to use our best efforts to preach the gospel to the destitute, and to futher any and all worthy benevolent enterprises.

Article 3. The membership of this body shall consist of messengers elected annually by the churches belonging to the association, with the pastors.

Article 4. This association shall meet annually at a time and place decided upon at the preceding meeting.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of each church belonging to this body to elect and send annually three messengers, together with a letter containing such information as may be required to make up intelligible tables of statistics.

Article 6. The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot and shall hold their office until their successors are elected, whose duties shall be such as develop upon such officers.

Article 7. There shall be a Mission Board consisting of one member from each church belonging to this association, such members to be appointed annually by the Moderator and approved by the association.

Article 8. This Board shall meet while the Association is in session and elect its own chairman and secretary, and attend to any other business that may be necessary, and shall hold its meetings regularly thereafter on Saturday before the fifth Sunday during the year. This Board shall have power to transact all business relating to the objects for which this Association stands. Five or more shall be constituted a quorum to transact business at any regular meeting.

Article 9. This Association shall never exercise any ecclesiastical authority whatever over the churches.

Article 10. Corresponding messengers from other Associations and conventions of Missionary Baptists, and all brethren who may

be invited to seats with us are entitled to all the privileges of the Association except the right to vote.

Article 11. Before the close of the meeting of the Association, the Moderator shall appoint a principle and an alternate to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting of the Association.

Article 12. All questions coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority vote, except that it shall require a two-thirds vote to exclude a church, or alter the Constitution or Articles of Faith; and any such alteration shall be made only after one year's notice thereof has been given, it being definitely understood that Article 1 shall ever remain in full force.

Article 13. Every church belonging to this Association is expected to contribute regularly to the work of this Association, the contributing church or individual having the right to specify the object to which the contribution shall be applied.

Article 14. Every sitting of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity and man's inability to restore himself in the favor of God.
4. We believe that God chose His people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the undisputed righteousness of Christ.
6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the Truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.
7. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who are covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only lawgiver of His church and that the government is with the church each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly authorized by the church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly Baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that the churches compose Christ's visible kingdom on the earth, and they are independent of each other; choosing their own bishops, and other executive officers, none of whom may lord it over God's heritage.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. All meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer and closed with prayer and benediction.

2. The first order of business shall be the calling of the roll of the churches composing the same and the enrollment of delegates representing them.

3. No delegates can be enrolled until they furnish evidence in writing from the church which they propose to represent, which shall be submitted to the Clerk.

4. No business shall be discussed by the body unless it shall have been brought up before it by motion sustained by a second.

6. The Moderator may correct any speaker for misquotation, personal reflection, or indiscreet language.

7. Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, when if it is sustained by a two-thirds vote, the Moderator's ruling shall be reversed.

8. All members shall use the term "Brother" when addressing or speaking to each other; and one failing to observe this rule shall subject himself to reprimand by the Moderator.

9. Any or all of the rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

